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REPORT NO.

SUBJECT

VIEWS OF NGO DINH NHU ON POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN FOREIGN AID AND ON "PROCOCATIVE ACTS" BY FOREIGNERS

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VIETNAM, SAIGON

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SOURCE

1. SUMMARY. NGO DINH NHU SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) HAD SUFFICIENT RESERVES TO CONTINUE OPERATING FOR TWENTY YEARS. HE ALSO ORDERED VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS TO OPEN FIRE ON AMERICANS OR FOREIGNERS INVOLVED IN ACTS HOSTILE TO THE GVN.

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NHU CALLED A MEETING OF ALL SENIOR TROOP COMMANDERS IN THE SAIGON/
CHOLONG AREA INCLUDING AIRBORNE AND MARINE BRIGADE COMMANDERS. NHU

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MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

- A. THE CESSATION OF FOREIGN AID WOULD NOT BE DISASTROUS BECAUSE THE GVN HAS SUFFICIENT FOREIGN RESERVES TO CONTINUE OPERATING FOR TWENTY YEARS.
- B. REFERRING TO THE BEATING OF A VIETNAMESE SOLDIER OF

 NUNG ORIGIN BY AMERICANS (BEING SERVICED)* ON THE EVENING OF 7

 SEPTEMBER, NHU ORDERED THAT VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS SHOULD OPEN FIRE ON ANY

 FOREIGNERS INVOLVED IN SUCH PROVOCATIVE ACTS.
- 3. THE TROOPS COMMANDERS, NOT WISHING TO PUT THE EXACT WORDS OF NHU'S ORDER INTO PRINT, WROTE ORDERS TO THEIR SUBORDINATE OFFICERS THAT THE LATTER SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR ANY DISTURBANCE AND, IF NECESSARY, SHOULD OPEN FIRE.
- 4. DISSEM. STATE ARMY NAVY AIR USMACVHTAAG USOM USIS 9TH FLD STA. 2ND AIR DIV. CINCPAC PACFLT ARPAC PACAF.
 - 5. COMMENT: SERVICED PORTION WILL BE DISSEMINATED ONLY IF IT MATERIALLY AFFECTS THE SENSE OF THIS REPORT.

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